Supply of Steel to Sikkim

1176. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information that due to short supply of M.S. Rods and GCI sheets and GCI plain sheets, the developmental works are not progressing in the State of Sikkim;

(b) if so, what is the total quota allotted to the state together with the place from where the quota has been given; and

(c) the quantum of above items which has already been lifted by the State Government so far during the last two years, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) No specific information has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) There is no State-wise allocation for iron and steel materials. These are supplied based on the demand registered with the main producers in terms of the guidelines for distribution of iron and steel materials issued by the Joint Plant Committee. Against the State Government's requirements, the following quantities of MS rounds and GP/GC sheets have been supplied by Steel Authority of India Limited during 1984-85 and 1985-86:—

Quantity in tonnes

Material	Quantity offered by SAIL	Quantity paid for	Quantity lapsed	Branch from which supplies had been effected
1984-85 :				
Rounds/Tor steel	600	100	500	Calcutta/Howrah
GF/GC Sheets	550	200	350	Calcutta/Howrah/ Gauhati
1985-86 :				
Rounds/Tor steel	607	257	350	Calcutta/Howrah/ Gauhati
GC Sheets	650	180	470	Calcutta/Howrah/ Gauhati

Rise in prices of essential commodities

1177. SHRI F.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently carried out any survey to find out the reasons of constant rise in the prices of the essential commodities and vegetables in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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1178. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :